

## House Resolution No. 330

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives have tremendous esteem for those Show-Me State residents who demonstrated down through the years a heartfelt patriotism and an unqualified willingness to serve their country through honorable labors and leadership with the United States military; and

**Whereas**, Dennis Rodgers has been a resident of Stoddard County for most of his life, having graduated from Essex High School before joining the U.S. Navy for four years during the Vietnam conflict and serving on the aircraft carrier USS Midway as a jet mechanic; and

**Whereas**, after a brief respite from the military, Dennis Rodgers enlisted in the Missouri National Guard in 1972 as a Private, advanced to Sergeant First Class by 1976, and reached the long-anticipated duties and responsibilities of First Sergeant in 1997; and

**Whereas**, Rodgers deployed with the 1221st Transportation Company in 1990 when it was called up for Desert Shield/Desert Storm; and

**Whereas**, during his long and illustrious military career, First Sergeant Rodgers traveled to such far-away and exotic locales as Japan, China, Iraq, Kuwait, England, Ireland, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Panama, Korea, and Honduras in addition to much closer locations throughout the country; and

**Whereas**, First Sergeant Rodgers received the company unit flag and a 30-year plaque from Company Commander Donald Loethen at an annual Christmas party held on December 9, 2001; accepted a World War II-era M-1 Garand rifle and a mop symbolizing his Navy service "swabbing the decks" in a mock presentation by former Company Commander Dewayne Robey, U.S. Army Captain; and expressed his true appreciation of the support and sacrifices he received from his beloved wife, Bonnie, by giving her a special plaque commemorating all she had done during his career:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contribution of time, energy, and labors by First Sergeant Dennis Rodgers to the Missouri National Guard's 1221st Transportation Company located in Dexter, Missouri, and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he partakes of the special pleasures and opportunities traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to honor the retirement of First Sergeant Dennis Rodgers of the Missouri National Guard.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rob Mayer  
District No. 159

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 330, adopted February 18, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker